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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR	:	
REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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NAJAM U. KAZMI, M.D.	:	
License No. MA 31656	:	CONSENT ORDER
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TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE STATE	:	
OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the State Board of Medical Examiners upon receipt of a complaint from the Honorable Robert F. Butler, a Judge of Compensation for the State Department of Labor and Workforce Development, alleging approximately forty instances over the past six years wherein Respondent, Dr. Najam U. Kazmi, failed to provide requested patient records in a reasonably timely fashion.

The complainant reported that the court could not resolve injured workers' claims for medical treatment or disability without Respondent's records and that Respondent's conduct significantly delayed the court's ability to provide appropriate decisions or

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relief sought by patients, including cases where an urgent need for medical care was alleged, thereby creating the potential risk for patient harm. Details provided to the Board document a delay in providing records for as long as seven to fourteen months, after repeated requests, in at least 10 different instances. In one particularly egregious instance, the delay amounted to almost four years.

Respondent appeared before a Preliminary Evaluation Committee on November 15, 2006, and admitted to appearing before the Judge of Compensation on three separate occasions so the court could address his noncompliance with N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.5, which enumerates physicians' responsibilities regarding requests for patient records. Respondent testified before the Board that the delays were due to problems with his office staff or communication difficulties with the court.

The Board finds that Respondent has engaged in multiple acts of professional misconduct, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and has violated N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.5, and thus, N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

Respondent, being desirous of resolving the matter without further formal proceedings and the Board finding the within resolution adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, for the reasons expressed herein and other good cause having been shown,

IT IS on this 27th day of January, 2007,

ORDERED:

1. Respondent is hereby reprimanded for the conduct described herein.

2. Respondent shall pay civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000 for violating acts or regulations administered by the Board. Respondent shall pay the amount in full within ten (10) days of the entry of this Order. Payment shall be made to the Board of Medical Examiners and delivered to the attention of William V. Roeder, Executive Director, Board of Medical Examiners, P.O. Box 183, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. If payment is not received within ten (10) days of the due date, the Board reserves the right to file a Certificate of Debt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-24. Failure to make timely payment shall be considered a violation of this Order.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: *Sindy M. Paul, MD, MEd*
Sindy Paul, M.D.
President

I have read and understand
the foregoing Order and I
agree voluntarily to be
bound by its terms.

Najam U. Kazmi
Najam U. Kazmi, M.D.

Date: 1/27/07, 2007